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| Invention: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING AND SECURING META DATA USING<br>CENTRAL REPOSITORY  |   |   |                                   |      |                   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |                                   |      |              |    |        |  |   |                       |   |       |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |      |
| <p>MS AF<br/>Commissioner for Patents<br/>P.O. Box 1450<br/>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p> <p>Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.<br/>The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th colspan="5" style="text-align: center;">CLAIMS AS AMENDED</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>Claims<br/>Remaining<br/>After<br/>Amendment</th> <th>Highest<br/>Number<br/>Previously<br/>Paid</th> <th>Number<br/>Extra Claims<br/>Present</th> <th>Rate</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Claims</td> <td style="text-align: center;">81</td> <td style="text-align: center;">- 87 =</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">x</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent<br/>Claims</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">- 6 =</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">x</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5">Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5">Other fee (please specify):</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.00</td> </tr> </table> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large Entity <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity</span><br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for this amendment.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____.<br/>             A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.<br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. <u>09-0461</u><br/>             as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.<br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayment.<br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.       </p> <p style="text-align: right;">Dated: <u>June 14, 2006</u></p> <p> <u>Esther H. Chong</u><br/>         Esther H. Chong<br/>         Attorney Reg. No.: 40,953<br/> <br/>         BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH &amp; BIRCH, LLP<br/>         8110 Gatehouse Road<br/>         Suite 100 East<br/>         P.O. Box 747<br/>         Falls Church, Virginia 22040-0747<br/>         (703) 205-8000       </p> |   |   |                                   |      | CLAIMS AS AMENDED |  |  |  |  |  | Claims<br>Remaining<br>After<br>Amendment | Highest<br>Number<br>Previously<br>Paid | Number<br>Extra Claims<br>Present | Rate | Total Claims | 81 | - 87 = |  | x | Independent<br>Claims | 3 | - 6 = |  | x | Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> |  |  |  |  | Other fee (please specify): |  |  |  |  | TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: |  |  |  | 0.00 |
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated March 7, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**This reply includes:**

**Amendments to the Claims; and**  
**Remarks.**

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